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Dear Sir:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that on 11 October 2001, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Form 1449 has not been returned to the undersigned as being considered by the Examiner. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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